

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ORANGE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a sharp decline in the orange production in North Eastern States during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the orange production in the North Eastern States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The State wise Orange production in North Eastern States shows upward trend. The statement is annexed.

(c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States (TMNE) including Sikkim since 2001-02 which has been extended to Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during the year 2003-04. Under the scheme, focus is given on area expansion of horticultural crops including Orange, production of good quality planting material, rejuvenation of old senile orchards, adoption of organic farming, integrated nutrient management, integrated pest management and training. Besides, the National Horticulture Board (NHB) is also extending financial assistance under the scheme of "Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management" for high-tech Commercial Horticulture, creation of Post Harvest Infrastructure, marketing, and Primary processing of Horticulture produce including orange.